

N I C K P H O E N I X U N D E R D O G







## 1 ASHES AND FIRE

All that passed was the crest of a dream  
We had plans to roam  
Heard the stories of travelers past  
Carving out this road

When the world was light enough  
Our thoughts remained the same  
And the words were offered up  
A song we danced in flames

### CHORUS

Spoke it in the dark veil of night  
Wrote it in the ashes and fire  
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Wrote it in the ashes and fire

The sound of thunder rolling in  
When we climbed ashore  
All the secrets buried deep  
That was long before

You came to me when I was hurt  
You promised me your hand  
We are stronger than the cracks  
I promised to defend

### CHORUS

## 2 UNDERDOG

It's about time for a brand new start  
Held your head up high when they kicked you hard  
It's a den of the flies that you swatted away

Knowing life is sweet, you take a lick of salt  
You revel in defeat, it's your own damn fault  
Gotta ton of fight left in you yet

### CHORUS

Rough like your father  
They thought you were over  
You're always the underdog

You don't seem to bother  
No guardrail no cover  
You're always the underdog

A rebel in disguise is not your plan  
You should stay the course but you gotta jam  
You just want to reach and take a bite

You don't know the names you don't know the plot  
You should turn us in but you hate the cops  
Even when you hang it's just not your scene

### CHORUS 2

Strong like your mother  
They thought you were over  
You're always the underdog  
You don't seem to bother  
No guardrail no cover  
You're always the underdog

You're the queen of spades digging up the rocks  
Got some things to say no one gives you props  
You could rule the world if you made your train

### CHORUS

## 3 CALIFORNIA

It's alright I'm just making faces  
Gonna say goodbye to wide open spaces  
Counting the days till I am gone

I was moving fast heading back for something  
Never turned it round it turned into nothing  
I've got chased tonight but my wheels they run

### CHORUS

I can make a go in California  
Well just don't write me off  
Those summer rays I'll save em for ya  
And the dog days are ours to love  
Ours to love

I just play along cause they stacked the cards

All those messed up things don't think too hard  
There's nothing to rise above

If I was brave I'd trade this up  
They call me friend but I've had enough  
I offered to drive cause they're always drunk

### CHORUS

### BRIDGE ANTHEM

So long, so wide, hold on, it's our life, so hold on  
Maybe not so hard, to make it alright  
So long, so wide, hold on, it's our life, so hold on  
Not too late to start, gone at first light  
So long, so wide, hold on, it's our life, so hold on  
Maybe not so hard, to make it alright  
I was heading back there  
I turned back for something  
It's all California  
I wanted to call ya  
I won't let you go  
So long, so wide, hold on, it's our life, so hold on

## 4 ROCK THE LIGHTNING

Off the line now  
Take it back now  
Take a deep bow  
Never back down  
Imitate this  
Try to fake this  
Cheat the clock now  
Not in stock now

They'll come beggin when it's on

Make your own style  
Through the turnstile  
Catch the fast train  
That's what's happenin  
You can top that  
It's a fact that  
Locomotion  
Is devotion

You got something that they don't

PRECHORUS

On the ground, you put it down, you've been underated  
Hold the phone, stack the cones, look what you created  
Lookin fine, next in line, hit the track running

CHORUS

Don't let 'em ever tell you that you're not a star  
Rock the lightning  
Don't ever let 'em make you turn the music off  
Rock the lightning

Make your own style  
In the back aisle  
They redact you  
They contract you  
It's contagious  
Like to taste this  
Like tequila  
Come to heal ya

They'll read everything you wrote

PRECHORUS

On the ground, you put it down, you've been underated  
Hold the phone, stack the cones, look what you created  
Lookin fine, next in line, hit the track running

CHORUS

Don't let 'em ever tell you that you're not a star  
Rock the lightning  
Lovin the wild ways can you feel the force  
Rock the lightning

**5 DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE**

Don't give another thought  
Or strike it when it's cold  
You drink it like it's pop

You can drive it till you crash  
It's always hard to see  
Cause you're moving too fast

They said what it was like  
They don't know the half  
Cause stuff has come to light

CHORUS

Oh oh oh oh  
Difficult to imagine  
Oh oh oh oh  
Difficult to imagine

Impossible to track  
Moving in the dark \_  
Find your way back

Never make it up  
Never do their bid  
They'll toss you like a glove

Knowin what you know  
Coming to the truth  
It's something to behold

CHORUS

BRIDGE

The trend is out there somewhere  
It seems to come from nowhere

CHORUS

**6 THIS RECORD IS BROKE**

Set me on the right track  
Where the mood is laid back  
Hovered on the same song  
Something bout it played wrong

I've been told to side this  
It's a lot to fold this  
Never in a right mind  
Runnin through a red light

And it's five o'clock and I am done  
No chance I'm heading out today

And there's people here but I'm alone  
Never made it up I made it plain

CHORUS

Baby I'm a lost cause you know  
What if I told you this record is broke?  
Blurrin all the lines till there's fuzz  
The record is spinning I can't turn it off

Settled on the right time  
I lost the bass line  
Sippin on the black gold  
Chasin after rag dolls

Just another late fee  
No one's gonna save me  
Even when I tap out  
Even when I back down

Can you see my fight is good as gone?  
Will you remember me this way?  
And there's people here but I'm alone  
Hard to say goodbye I plan to stay

CHORUS

**7 PLAY IT LOUD**

Crash that silence flush it out  
You played with fire and burned it down  
Shake them bones and then you bring the pain  
You're a bullet train

Understated that's not your trick  
And wilder times are settin in  
They stand in rows and then they closed it off  
You're a cannonball

CHORUS

Wherever you look, whatever you crave  
All across the nation it's hot today  
Hit those notes it's love on fire  
You plugged it in and you never faded out  
Whatever you play you play it loud

Who's your sidekick, Who's your fan  
 You won't confirm that you're in the band  
 You tried to boast, but it's not like you though  
 It's not taking hold

You decided that talk was cheap  
 And all their offers were Vaseline  
 What was played is all they need to know  
 They just can't control

CHORUS

BRIDGE  
 And it looms, like Everest, in some ways blessed,  
 but it just brings you down  
 A chance to trip, a flight to fall, crashing hard, but  
 you just play it loud

CHORUS - Whatever you wear you wear it out

### 8 BIRD

Like a bird  
 I can set upon  
 I can look straight down  
 I am just beyond

Need some space  
 While my gaze takes hold  
 I absorb the sun  
 I'm away from harm

PRECHORUS  
 I have climbed  
 I'm an astronaut  
 It's a sudden drop  
 After taking off  
 When I start to trust  
 I lose control

CHORUS  
 Never thought that I could falter  
 It's a lie I soon discovered  
 My designs could blacken out the sun

Never thought the span was lackin  
 Never thought the flight was draggin  
 Taking back promises made in blood  
 I tried it like before  
 My flight was much too short

Happenstance  
 I await the ground  
 I have never found  
 A perfect route to fly

Need some rays  
 Where your webs are spun  
 I am moving on  
 To another life

PRECHORUS

CHORUS

### 9 NEVER HERE

We'll make amends, it will unfold  
 My hammers race, my offers hold  
 If my words are echoing hollow

PRECHORUS  
 Let's bend the rules, let me tell our story  
 I thought it could happen to others not you and me

CHORUS  
 And we were never ever here  
 And we were never ever here  
 And we were never ever here

Coming down like dogs, been rain soaked  
 Every little sound had grown so loud  
 Most the time we aimed to lay low

PRECHORUS  
 We get this a lot, they can say they're sorry  
 I thought it could happen to others not you and me

CHORUS

BRIDGE

And I thought that rainy days had run a foul  
 And the things we took for granted running out  
 And I thought that rainy days had run a foul  
 And the things we took for granted running out

CHORUS

### 10 RABBIT HOLE

I was swimming across and life was good  
 I was walking the path when I caught that foot  
 I don't like heights I stay off that bluff  
 I just start to think that I'm falling off

PRECHORUS

Am I to stay on your lavish boat?  
 Am I to stop when the others stoke?

CHORUS

I wondered why you stand so tall  
 I've fallen down the rabbit hole

Led a marching band in velvet coats  
 When they threw us in they thought we'd float  
 I know all the facts but I beg to differ  
 I know all the ways that you won't deliver

PRECHORUS

Am to lie like your magic rug?  
 It's a lot to wield when your wheels are stuck

CHORUS

BRIDGE

You're the sea and I'm above  
 I often dream I'm strong enough  
 You're the queen I'm your Jack  
 Got some moves I'll get it back

CHORUS

**11 FRACTURED SOUL**

You built your hold, and wandered far  
 idols paint the sky, in lakes of thunder  
 You vowed to make, the villains pay  
 the moon is up, the moon is up

I know the quest, for what you fought  
 You walked the mountains, in from the north  
 It's just revenge, that pulls you under  
 They'll pay for this, they'll pay for this

**CHORUS**

I tried to save, your fractured soul  
 I drove a stake, and fought the wolves  
 I raised a force, the path was dark  
 Where loathing reigns, the deepest part  
 Your fractured soul, your fractured soul

The Forest burns, it seems forever  
 And malice finds a place to start  
 You vowed to stand, we're meant to stay here  
 You summon us, you summon us

The battle worn, we band together  
 Their force is run, into the fog  
 What was brave, has turned to madness  
 We soldier on, we soldier on

**CHORUS**

**BRIDGE**  
 Ah

A winter cloak, is sweeping over  
 It's hard to trust, this warring way  
 You flatter us, and take the bargain  
 Our time is up, our time is up

Your fractured soul, your fractured soul

**12 GET THAT A LOT**

It's not your problem, I fought them  
 They thought that I was boarding it up  
 too late, to play dead  
 Suspecting what I'm all about  
 I came assembled  
 I'm often swimming out too far  
 A rougher landing  
 Their jaws are heading straight for the floor

**CHORUS #1**

And it's bad form, I don't know why  
 They imagine, that I'm just some guy  
 And I get that a lot

I'm fast I'm a riddle, no handle  
 They don't expect me most of the time  
 My plan is a nation  
 I don't think that I was allowed  
 I know I'm better  
 Difficult to discard  
 I changed the header  
 I practice but it's not that hard

**CHORUS #2**

I've been knocked out, and I'm fine  
 I've been laid out, all in stride  
 And they think that I am not  
 And it's bad form, I don't know why  
 They imagine, that I'm just some guy  
 And I get that a lot

**JAM****CHORUS #3**

I got jacked up, and I got right  
 I've been paid out, I'm lovin' life  
 And I came out on top  
 On the main tracks, I take that line  
 They imagine, that they'll make me cry  
 And I get that a lot

**13 DOOM SCROLLIN'**

Those headlines are ragged  
 These faces old  
 The plot has unraveled  
 It's dangerous

They revel in the darkest place  
 Their words are hard to sell

The rafters are bending  
 This bread is burnt  
 If I painted the outlook  
 Your eyes would hurt

They're marching and their fists are clenched  
 This sunset looks like hell

**CHORUS**

Thought it was a race to the top  
 Feeling like it's all I can handle  
 I'm doom scrollin'  
 I'm doom scrollin'

Surveillance was altered  
 We brought it on  
 We're bound to look back and  
 Wish we had run

They told us it was us or them  
 Guns and Sunday bells

**CHORUS 2**

Even if I try I cannot stop  
 Maybe there some things I need to hand off  
 I'm doom scrollin'  
 I'm doom scrollin'  
 I'm doom scrollin'  
 I'm doom scrollin'



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